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## HEATHER L. SMITH CLERK OF APPELLATE COURTS

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

#### RULES RELATING TO ADMISSION OF ATTORNEYS

#### **RULE 718**

# SUBSTANCE-ABUSE AND/OR PSYCHOLOGICAL REFERRALS AND EVALUATIONS

Rule 718 is hereby amended, effective as of the date of this order.

- (a) The office of the Disciplinary Administrator, the Review Committee, or the Board may refer an applicant to the Kansas Impaired Lawyers Assistance Program if recommended by a qualified professional.
- (b) The office of the Disciplinary Administrator, the Review Committee, or the Board may require an applicant to submit to a substance-abuse evaluation by a qualified professional of that entity's choosing.
- (c) The office of the Disciplinary Administrator, the Review Committee, or the Board may require an applicant to submit to a psychological evaluation by a qualified professional of that entity's choosing.

(d) If the applicant disagrees with any recommendation contained in an evaluation ordered under this rule, the applicant may seek a second evaluation, at the applicant's expense, by a qualified professional of the applicant's choosing. If any recommendation arising out of the second evaluation differs from that arising out of the first, the two qualified professionals shall agree on a qualified professional to review both of the earlier evaluations and make a recommendation which shall be final. The applicant shall pay one-half the cost of the final evaluation. The expense of an evaluation ordered by the office of the Disciplinary Administrator, the Review Committee, or the Board shall be paid out of the bar admission fee fund.

By order of the Court this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

FOR THE COURT

Lawton R. Nuss Chief Justice